

MITCHELL COMPLETES HIS TESTIMONY

BRIAND UNABLE TO FORM A NEW FRENCH CABINET

Foreign Minister Tells President He Can Not Organize Ministry

DOUMER SUMMONED TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
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After Briand's announcement, President Doumergue called Senator Doumer, former finance minister, to the Elysee palace to ask him to undertake the creation of a cabinet.

Briand asked Doumergue for 24 hours' time before giving a definite reply to the request. If he does form the cabinet, he will take over the finance portfolio, while Briand will remain foreign minister.

Briand had been at great pains to ascertain whether he could gather together a workable cabinet group which would have a substantial foundation on support in the parliament.

During the morning, after having delayed his answer to Doumergue's offer of the premiership, Briand consulted with a long list of politicians, including Painleve, and Leon Blum, socialist chief, as well as Georges Bonnet, Paul Doumer and others.

In the interim, since Doumergue's request to him to undertake to create a firm cabinet, he had been urged by many friends not to undertake the task since it might mean a new collapse within a short time which would only tarnish his splendid reputation achieved at the Locarno conference and his past premierships.

Briand tripped over the socialists. He had intended to form a "grand ministry" which would have included Edouard Herriot, Paul Painleve, Leon Blum and Paul Boncourt, the latter two socialists. But the attitude of the socialists, he told the United Press, prevented him from accomplishing his task. Many of the socialists have held that it was impossible for them to participate directly in the government and they declined to sit in the "grand regime" he proposed.

Briand is understood to be ready to assist in forming a cabinet headed

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Lumber Fire At Des Moines Causes Big Loss

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 24.—(United Press)—All the fire fighting equipment in Des Moines was mobilized early today to extinguish flames which started in the Wheeler Lumber company yards and spread to the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad tracks causing damage estimated at \$250,000.

Twenty-five lines of hose were kept playing on the blaze and the entire fighting force of the city worked for four hours to check the flames.

Four tank cars filled with gasoline were pulled from under a shower of sparks and rolled away to safety.

COLORED SINGERS HERE WEDNESDAY

Peerless Jubilee Concert Company To Appear At Christian Church

The Peerless Jubilee Concert company, consisting of eight colored singers, will appear in this city tomorrow night, at the Christian church, at 8 o'clock. The company comes to this city highly recommended and the public is cordially invited to attend the concert.

BANK ROBBERY FAILS

Seven Bandits Take Possession Of Town In Michigan But Fail In Effort To Blow Safe.

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WANT ADDRESSES OF D. H. S. GRADS

Committee Unable To Locate Several Former Pupils For Home-coming

In the final check-up of issuing invitations for the Decatur eighth school alumni day celebration, which will be held in this city December 28 it was found that several more graduates had not been reached by the addresses on record at the high school building. The invitation committee would like to send each former student, graduate and former teacher of Decatur high school an invitation.

Anyone knowing the address of any of the following are asked to notify Ralph Tyndall or the Daily Democrat office. Fanchon Daugherty, 1909; Will Conrad, 1908; Irene Evans, 1910; Robert Lehart, 1912; Lulu Brown, 1914; John Kern, 1897; Carrie Blosser, 1903; John Jones, 1903; Tracy Nelson, 1909; Francis Davidson; Mrs. Ada Alspaugh, (Leah Case) 1897; Guy Kidd, 1913; Helen Smith; Edith Reynolds, (Mrs. Charles Wheeler); Roland Reynolds; Elmer Richmond.

Plans for the program for the day's celebration are continuing and present indications are to the effect

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Prather To Go On Trial Next Monday

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 24.—(United Press)—The trial of Edward Prather, 16, on charges of first degree murder, will start Monday.

Prather is charged with killing a street car conductor in Indianapolis in an attempted holdup.

The boy has offered to plead guilty to a manslaughter charge but Prosecutor Remy refused to accept any plea except for second degree murder.

JAMES ELLIS EXPIRES TODAY

Former Local Resident Dies At Home In Decatur, Mich., This Morning

Word was received here today that James Ellis, son of Mrs. Bertha Ellis, of this city, died at 5 o'clock this morning at his home in Decatur, Michigan. The cause of the death was not ascertained. Mr. Ellis became ill a few days ago and his relatives in this city left Monday for his bedside.

James Ellis lived in Decatur until about eight years ago, when he owned a billiard room. Later, he moved to Sturgis, Michigan, and from there to Decatur, Michigan, where he conducted a five and ten cent store.

He is survived by his wife, mother, Mrs. Bertha Ellis and three sisters and one brother. The brother and sisters are: Mrs. E. G. Coverdale, of this city; Miss Eleanor Ellis, of this city; Mrs. Daisy Burns, Los Angeles, California, and Scott Ellis, of Cassopolis, Michigan.

The remains will be brought to this city, arriving here tomorrow night at midnight. Private funeral services will be held from the home of Dr. E. G. Coverdale, Thursday afternoon, and burial will take place in the Decatur cemetery.

DINNER FOR SIX WILL COST \$8.20

Thanksgiving Dinner Will Be Cheaper If Substitute Is Used For Turkey

A Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings for six people, will cost about \$8.20, according to estimates made from retail prices prevailing in this city today. The price is about the same compared to last year's estimate. The menu includes, turkey, potatoes, sweet potatoes, escalloped corn, oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, cottage cheese, head lettuce, celery, candy and nuts, pumpkin pie, rolls, butter and coffee.

The total estimate is based on the present prices and sufficient ration for at least six persons. The estimated price, substituting chicken, duck or goose in place of turkey, would total about \$5.50 and the price with steak would be about \$4.75.

Fresh Commodities Received

Local groceries and meat markets have received new shipments of all necessary commodities for Thanksgiving meals, and prices are, in most instances, slightly lower than a year ago. Turkey is selling at 45 cents a pound, dressed; chicken at 30 cents a pound; duck at 27 cents and geese at 27 cents. Oysters are selling at 40 cents a pint. Pork cuts are selling at 18 to 35 cents a pound and beef cuts retail at 15 to 30 cents a pound.

Head lettuce is selling at most groceries at 18 to 20 cents a pound and leaf lettuce at 15 cents. Celery is retailing at two bunches for 25 cents. Grapefruit prices are steady at 10 cents each. Lemons and oranges are again plentiful at 5 cents each. Pumpkins, one of the essentials of Thanksgiving, are plentiful at 10 to 20 cents each.

Since meat is selling at 15 cents a can. Mixed nuts and 30 cents a pound and imported English walnuts are retailing at 40 cents. Cranberries at 20 cents a pound are slightly higher than a year ago. Imported dates are retailing in Decatur at 18 cents a pound and figs at 40 cents.

Potatoes remain high in price at \$2.20 a bushel, and sweet potatoes are retailing at 4 pounds for 25 cents. Other prices are about steady compared with a year ago, and most commodities are plentiful.

GRAND JURY TO ADJOURN SOON

To Complete Work Wednesday or Friday, According To Indications

It was reported this afternoon that the Adams county grand jury was nearing completion of its work and an early adjournment is expected. There is a possibility that the jury will complete its work sometime Wednesday. If adjournment will be taken until Friday, when the work will be finished.

The members of the jury inspected the county jail at noon today, and incidentally took dinner with Sheriff and Mrs. Baker. Others in the party, besides members of the jury, were Prosecutor John T. Kelly, H. W. Sellemeyer, grand jury bailiff; Mrs. Cecile Moser, court reporter; and John E. Nelson, county clerk.

Only four witnesses were examined by the jury today. It was believed that the jury will not return a large number of indictments.

Baby Is Born In Auto Just Outside Of Hospital Door

Chicago, Nov. 24.—(United Press.)—Baby Zuponeck was comfortably ensconced in warm blankets today, apparently none the worse for his experience of last night when he poked his head out the door of a flivver for his first glimpse of the world.

He was born in an automobile just outside the door of a local hospital with a cordon of nurses and doctors holding back a very curious crowd.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zuponeck. The mother is doing well.

Millions Gone



MRS. ALLEN A. RYAN

Mrs. Allen A. Ryan, once a New York social queen and mistress of \$10,000,000, is a saleswoman in a Fifth avenue bookshop. She divorced Ryan a year ago, and now lives in a modest flat with her five children.

WINE PERMITS ARE REVOKED

Householders Lose Right To Manufacture Fruit Juices In Their Homes

Washington, Nov. 24.—(United Press.)—All permits for the manufacture of 200 gallons of "fruit juices other than cider," for use in the home were revoked today by Assistant Secretary of Treasury Andrews.

The order includes permit issued prior to prohibition by the internal revenue commissioner under which householders have been legally manufacturing 200 gallons of wine per year.

PATROLMAN SHOT

Chicago Officer Perhaps Fatally Wounded When Eggs Hold Up Bank Messenger

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Patrolman Patrick O'Shea was shot and perhaps fatally wounded here today by five bandits who held up a bank messenger's automobile and escaped with two strong boxes believed to contain \$50,000.

O'Shea was acting as guard for the money shipment, which was being removed from the Drovers National bank in the Stock Yards district. The bandit machine drew alongside the bank car and as soon as O'Shea's star was sighted, the robbers opened fire on him. He returned fire and is believed to have wounded one of the bandits.

HOAGLAND WANTS LIGHT RATES CUT

Citizens File Petition With Public Service Commission For Decrease

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 24.—(United Press.)—A petition for a decrease in electric light rates at Hoagland, Ind., Allen county, was on file with the public service commission today.

The petition is signed by 34 citizens of Hoagland, who charge that the Indiana Service corporation charges them almost twice as much as is charged in Fort Wayne, only a short distance away.



Weather

Increasing cloudiness tonight, probably followed by rain Wednesday. Rising temperature.

NORTHWESTERN STUDENTS RIOT

2,000 Students Protest To Michigan's Claim To Big Ten Football Title

Evanston, Ill., Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Eight students at Northwestern university are under arrest and more are to be rounded up today in connection with last night's riot in which 2,000 students battled more than 100 policemen, Evanston's fire department and an organized crowd of world war veterans.

The riot, which was started in protest against Michigan's claim to an undisputed football championship in the Big Ten conference, reached its climax with the burning of an abandoned fraternity house and an attempt to burn the university's wooden football bleachers.

Northwestern's team won three conference victories and lost one game while Michigan's record was five victories and one defeat but because Northwestern beat Michigan, students at the Evanston school claim they should be given credit for a tie with Michigan. No official title is awarded, however, and when a majority of sports writers said Michigan's record entitled the Wolverines to the championship, the student mob assembled.

The students started a snake dance and gathered wood for a bonfire, the intention at first being to celebrate their football team's record and let the world know they claimed a championship.

But as the crowd grew, the mob spirit prevailed and the students descended upon a fraternity house that was being wrecked to make way for a new building. They sprinkled it with oil and burned it to the ground.

First the fire department and then all of Evanston's police force came to the scene. Clubs and fists, stones and pieces of timber from the building were used in a scuffle until the police retired in disorder. Chief of Police Wiltberger sent in a riot call to Chicago and reserve officers were sent to the suburb. Still the riot went on. New bonfires were built. A street car was seized. Wiltberger's automobile was turned upside down. Mayor Bartlett appeared. He was handled roughly by

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COOLIDGE SHUNS CHAPMAN CASE

President Prefers To Leave Bandit Prince's Case Up To The Courts

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Nov. 24.—President Coolidge prefers to leave the Gerald Chapman case to the courts.

The president has been advised that the matter has been pending in the United States and Connecticut courts and he does not feel inclined to meddle with the case.

The department of justice has been keeping Mr. Coolidge informed, it was said at the white house today and he will more than likely follow its advice.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 24.—(United Press.)—Within the shadow of the gallows at Wethersfield prison, where Gerald Chapman heads the list of those condemned to die, the arch-bandit may gain a new lease on life extending as long as 25 years.

Chapman became a prisoner of the United States government late yesterday with the signing of a writ of

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"Cheer Up Chad" To Be Staged Here This Evening

"Cheer Up Chad," a comedy drama in three acts, will be presented by home-talent actors at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock this evening. The play will be staged under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the United Brethren church. The final dress rehearsal was held at the auditorium last night. There is an interesting plot and plenty of comedy in the play, assuring an evening of high class entertainment.

THREE MEN KILLED

Thousands Of Dollars Property Damage Caused By Explosion Of High Pressure Still.

Arkansas City, Kan., Nov. 24.—(United Press)—Three men were killed and thousands of dollars property damage was done when a high pressure still at the Arkansas City refinery exploded early today. The dead are:

WILLIAM MITCH, 50.
WALTER WILSON, 36.
THOMAS COOPER.

All three were employees of the refinery.

The blast was followed by a fire which was extinguished a few hours later.

GOV. FERGUSON IGNORES CALL

Texas Governor Refuses To See Legislator Who Wants Special Session Called

Austin, Tex., Nov. 24.—(United Press.)—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson refused to see a member of the state legislature who called at her office today to deliver a petition signed by fifty-five members of the legislature, asking her to call a special session of the legislature.

The petition, which was in the form of an ultimatum, gave the governor until December 10, to decide whether or not to call the extra session of the legislature.

Being refused entrance, Representative Alfred Totsch, delivered the petition to the governor's secretary and left instructions that it be placed in the governor's hands.

Speaker Lee Satterwhite reiterated today that he intended to call the special session to convene not later than Jan. 4, 1926, if the governor refuses to do so.

Stephenson And "One Arm" Wolfe Begin Their Duties In State Prison

Michigan City, Nov. 24.—D. C. Stephenson, the man reputed to have made more than a million dollars through the organization of the Ku Klux Klan today became a common laborer here in the state prison.

His hands, unused to manual labor, soon will become knotty and his manicured finger nails will be broken and grimy.

Stephenson, who faces the prospect of spending the remainder of his life here, has begun work in the chair factory.

At the same time, Charles "One Arm" Wolfe, convicted of the slaying of Ben and Mary Hance and sentenced to life, began the task of picking stray threads from completed garments.

WILL HOLD UNION CHURCH SERVICE

Annual Thanksgiving Service of Protestant Churches Thursday Morning

The Union Thanksgiving service of the Protestant churches of the city will be held at the First Christian church on Thursday morning, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

An offering will be lifted for the local United Charity fund, which fund has been receiving Thanksgiving offerings in the past years. This fund is used for local needs and emergency cases.

Dr. Somerville Light, pastor of the Methodist church, will bring the message. The Rev. H. W. Thompson, pastor of the Christian church, will preside. The program is as follows:

Invocation . . . Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann
Congregational Hymn . . .
President's Proclamation . . .
Prayer . . . Rev. B. N. Covert
Solo . . . Rev. R. W. Loose
Thanksgiving Sermon . . . Dr. S. Light
Solo . . . Mrs. Dan Tyndall
Offeratory . . .
Benediction . . . Rev. C. R. Smith
Doxology . . .
Postlude . . .

CHARGES ARE REPEATED BY FLYING COLONEL

Calls Board Of Inquiry Probing Dirigible Wreck "Whitewash Board"

REPEATS CHARGE OF CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Nov. 24.—Col. William Mitchell closed his personal testimony in his own defense before his court-martial jury of generals here this afternoon with the statement that he believed "more than ever" that the naval board investigating the Shenandoah disaster was a "whitewash board."

Major Henry Leonard, judge advocate of the Shenandoah court, informed of Mitchell's statement, said it "was very likely" that Mitchell would be called before that board to explain his statement.

Mitchell, in concluding his testimony, asserted that this nation's national defense system is broken down.

"This inadequate defense, he said, was what he meant in his charges of 'almost treasonable' administration which he leveled against the war and navy departments.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(United Press.)—Colonel William Mitchell today reiterated his charge of "criminal negligence" in administration of the nation's air service by the war department.

Mitchell told his jury of generals that sending up aviators in war time De Havilland planes constituted "criminal negligence."

"The government should get rid of these flaming coffins," Mitchell declared. "As long as airmen are forced to go aloft in De Havilland planes, they are going to be killed. It is criminal negligence to keep men flying in ships of this type."

Under cross examination by Major Allen Gullion, assistant trial judge advocate, Mitchell charged that all air service equipment "is growing more dangerous every day."

"We are even running out of spare parts," he added.

Gullion questioned Mitchell on that part of his San Antonio statements which referred to accidents in the air service and brought out that the number of flying hours per fatality has steadily increased since 1921.

Gullion cited figures to show that there were 934 flying hours per fatality in 1921, compared with an average of 1,000 in 1924.

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Bazaar Opens At D. C. H. S. Auditorium This Evening

Supper will be served at 5:30 o'clock this evening in connection with the bazaar which opens in the Catholic high school auditorium tonight. A home-cooked meal, consisting of everything that is good, will be served for thirty-five cents. Following the supper, the activities will begin at the bazaar. All the articles are displayed in the auditorium and the public is invited to attend.

TO HOLD HEARING HERE DECEMBER 2

Industrial Board To Hear Four Compensation Cases In This City

The Industrial Board of Indiana will hear four compensation cases in this city on December 2. The hearings will start at 9 a. m. and Eph P. Dailey will be the hearing member of the board. Any questions pertaining to compensation matters should be taken up with Mr. Dailey while he is in Decatur. The compensation cases to be heard December 2 are: Charles Ross vs. General Electric company; Howard Habig vs. Indiana Pipe Line company; Charles Parker vs. General Electric company; and H. Bovine vs. Decatur Castings company.